



• Cognitive Profile Analysis for Struggling Learners: Advanced Assessment Topics •

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Target Audience: This workshop is designed for experienced practitioners with a solid foundational understanding of special education regulations, norm-referenced assessments, and the comprehensive evaluation process.

This workshop will provide participants with an opportunity to learn how to better use cognitive and academic achievement evaluation results to deepen understanding of varied learning disability profiles.

Participants will:

- Increase their awareness of distinctions between clinical and educational definitions of learning disabilities, including how terms such as dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, and non-verbal learning disorder align with special education disability determination regulations;
- Grow their understanding of a discrepancy model, response to intervention (RTI) model, and a pattern of strengths and weaknesses (PSW) approach;
- Learn the differences between and relationships among all of the models/approaches; and
- Make connections to the importance of a strong multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS).

Using a cross-battery assessment approach, participants will also strengthen their ability to analyze and guide decision-making that results in more diagnostic, intensive individualized programming. Finally, visual supports that illustrate the causal relationship between a cognitive profile and the impact upon academic achievement will be offered to support the facilitation of teams engaging in the evaluation process.

Jen Patenaude has worked for North Country Supervisory Union for more than twenty years as a special educator, evaluation specialist, and instructional specialist. She is also an instructor, presenter, internship supervisor, and member of the VT-HEC SPED Advisory Council. Jen leads professional development on a multitude of topics for both general education and special education teachers and has served as adjunct faculty for the Vermont State Colleges.

Dates: April 30 & May 1, 2020
Place: Delta Hotel ~ South Burlington, VT
Cost: \$380 (includes lunch)
Time: 8:30-3:30

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